Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KUWAIT 01606 01 OF 02 130801Z

11
ACTION NEA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-03 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 AID-05 IGA-01 /048 W
---------- 122768
R 130642Z APR 75
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO DA WASHDC//DAMO-SSA/DALO-ILS//
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 2749
SECDEF WASHDC
USCINCEUR//ECJ4/7//
CDR AMC ALEX VA//AMCIL-MS//
CDR TRADOC FT MONROE VA//ATTNG-PRO-FMT//

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 KUWAIT 1606

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, KU
SUBJECT: IHAWK TRAINING FOR KUWAIT

REFS: A. DA 142009Z MAR 75
B. KUWAIT 0648 DTG 091015Z FEB 75 (NOTAL)
C. KUWAIT 1513 DTG 070454Z APR 75 (NOTAL)
D. MICOM 162130Z DEC 74 (NOTAL)
E. KUWAIT 5515 DTG 301342Z DEC 74 (NOTAL)
F. TOE 44-245H (NOTAL)
G. FMS CASE DA KUWAIT UAH
H. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SURVEY (NIS 32C GS) KUWAIT, BAHRAIN, QATAR AND UAE
I. MICOM 032100Z APR 74 (NOTAL)
J. KUWAIT 0940 DTG 270634Z FEB 75 (NOTAL)
K. AMC 271947Z FEB 75 (NOTAL)
L. DA 011720Z APR 75 (NOTAL)
M. KUWAIT 1522 $5& 070839Z APR 75 (NOTAL)
N. KUWAIT 0544 $5& 030850Z FEB 75 (PASEP
O. KUWAIT 1094 DTG 100558Z MAR 75 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: MESSAGE SUMMARIZES PROBLEMS RELATED TO IHAWK TRAINING PLAN FOR KUWAIT ARMED FORCES RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF ARMY, CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KUWAIT 01606 01 OF 02 130801Z

DISCUSSES ADVANTAGES OF ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

OFFICE, REQUESTS THAT A BILATERAL USG/GOK IHAWK TRAINING PLAN BE DEVELOPED AND ASKS AUTHORIZATION TO SEND REMAINING NINE KAF CADETS TO DLIEL FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING. END SUMMARY.

1. IN LATE DECEMBER, GOK MILITARY INFORED DOD REP THEY DESIRED SEND APPROXIMATELY 100 CADETS TO US FOR TRAINING AFTER GRADUATION FROM KUWAIT MILITARY ACADEMY. INITAL FIGURES INDICATED APPROXIMATELY 60 REQUIRED AIR DEFENSE TRAINING AND OTHER 40 USN-SPONSORED TRAINING (IN ADDITION TO 50 ALREADY ARRANGED). FINAL FIGURE FOR AIR DEFENSE TRAINING IS 61 (NUMBER HAS VAIRED AS TENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS WERE CHANGED FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, PRIMARILY MEDICAL).

2. DUE TO SIZE AND UNPLANNED NATURE OF REQUEST, NO LOCAL COMMITMENT WAS MADE---ONLY AN ASSURANCE THAT BEST EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO GET CADETS INTO MEANINGFUL TRAINING.BASIC US PLANNING PROCEDURES FOR TRAINING WERE EXPLAINED.

3. PROBLEM WAS DISCUSSED BY DOD REP WITH DA IHAWK TEAM ON 6JAN75, AND AT CONFERENCE 9JAN75 WITH OSD, DLIEL AND DA REPRESENTATIVES. DLIEL CAPACITY WAS DETERMINED NOT TO BE A PROBLEM. WHILE NO COMMIT-MENTS WERE MADE BY ANYONE, IT WAS AGREED ONE YEAR OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING WOULD PROVIDE TIME TO WORK OUT DETAILS AND MATTER APPEARED MANAGEABLE.

4. SUBJECT DISCUSSED AT EUCOM ARMY TRAINING WORKSHOP WITH SERVICE AND DLIEL REPRESENTATIVES 10FEB75. AGAIN, MATTTER APPEARED MANAGEABLE.

5. REFTEL (B) PROVIDED INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION OF KUWAITI APPRECIATION OF FACT THAT SOME OF THEIR PERSONNEL MAY SPEND MORE THAN USUAL TIME AT DLIELS AND THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS.

6. ASSERTION THAT ALL PLANS CALL FOR 52 IH OFFICER/TECHNICIANS FOR ARMY TRAINING AS STATED PARA (4) REFTEL (A) APPEARS BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS/INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE IN KUWAIT. DRAFT TRAINING PLAN RECEIVED 19MAR75 AS REPORTED REFTEL (C) IS ONLY ARMY PLAN AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY. PARA (2) REFTEL (A) APPLIES. EMBASSY VIEWS ABOUT PROVIDING TEXT TO GOK ALSO HAVE BEEN REPORTED. ARMY PLAN DIFFERS SIGNIFICANTLY FROM GOK PLAN, WHICH DEVELOPED FROM OLD CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 KUWAIT 01606 01 OF 02 130801Z

RAYTHEON TRAINING PLAN AS MODIFIED BY EGYPTIAN AD ADVISORS.

7. KUWAITI PRACTICE OF USING JUNIOR OFFICERS, WHERE US USES WARRANT OFFICERS AND NCO'S, WAS DISCUSSED BY DOD REP IN WASHINGTON IN JAN. THIS ALSO REPORTED IN REFTEL (O). STATEMENT THAT 52 IH OFFICER/TECHNICIANS ARE ALL THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR PROPOSED KUWAIT IH UNITS IS DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE WITH REF (F), WHICH INDICATES A TOTAL OF 88 E7 AND HIGHER IN SEMI-MOBILE US IHAWK BM. IF E6 ARE

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

INCLUDED, TOTAL IS 157. ADDITIONALLY, NOTE 22 REF (G) (IHAWK CASE)
INDICATES 24 PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR AN/TSQ-73. ALSO, KUWAIT IHAWK
PROGRAM SOMEWHAT LARGER THAN A US IHAWK BN. DA CAN VERIFY KUWAITI
PRACTICE OF USING JUNIOR OFFICERS WHERE USG USES NCO'S BY INQUIRY
TO GILCRON CORP (ITT GILFILLIAN), ENCION, CA, TEL: (213) 990-7125.
OF 12 KUWAITI PERSONNEL RECEIVING "HANDS ON" MAINTENANCE TRAINING
ON AN/TPS-32 RADAR, THERE ARE 6 LTS, 1 SGT, 1 CPL AND 4 CIVILIANS.
ALL ARE RECEIVING SAME COURSE OF INSTRUCTION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT
USG QUIETLY ACCEPT GOK MILITARY COMMAND AUTHORITY DECISION ON USE/
ASSIGNMENT OF KUWAITI CADETS/OFFICERS FOR DUTIES THAT USG NORMALLY
ASSIGNS TO NCO'S. GOK MILITARY HAS DONE SO RELUCTANTLY AFTER
CONSIDERING LOCAL MANPOWER CAPABILITY/SUPPLY. REF H COVERS THIS
WELL. AT PRESENT TIME, KUWAIT AIR FORCE HAS ABOUT 300 KUWAITI
ENLISTED MEN, 232 CADETS (ALL EXCEPT 9 IN CONUS), 55 PILOT OFFICERS,
AND 15 NON-PILOT OFFICERS. WHILE (VERY) RICH IN LT'S, CAPTAINS
AND OFFICERS OF HIGHER RANKS ARE FEWER THAN IN USAF.

8. AS STATED IN REF (E), GOK MOST EMPHATICALLY DOES WANT IHAWK
EXPERTISE IN COUNTRY PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF EQUIPMENT. REF (E) ADVISED
THERE CURRENTLY ARE NO PERSONNEL KNOWLEDGEABLE ON IHAWK AIR DEFENSE
IN KUWAIT ARMED FORCES. REF (N) PROVIDED HISTORY, ETC., OF KAF PAST
DEPENDENCE ON EGYPTIAN AIR DEFENSE TEAM, LATTER'S DECREASING
AVAILABILITY AND GOK DESIRE FOR US ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA. IN EARLY
DECEMBER, EMBASSY REQUESTED LTC IHAWK OFFICER BE ASSIGNED USLOK
ON AN "EMERGENCY BASIS". GOK ALSO HAS MADE FORMAL REQUEST.
(DISPOSITION OF THIS MATTER STILL PENDING.) IN MEANTIME,
MATTERS SUCH AS THOSE DISCUSSED IN REFS (D) AND (E) KEEP ARISING.
THERE ARE NO KUWAITIS, NOR EGYPTIANS IN KUWAIT COMPETENT TO
ADDRESS ABOVE MESSAGES. EFFECTS OF NOT PROVIDING TRAINING FOR SEVEN
KEY OFFICERS REQUESTED (REF E) WILL BE WITH US FOR SOME TIME.

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KUWAIT 01606 02 OF 02 130809Z

11
ACTION NEA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-03 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 AID-05 IGA-01 /048 W
---------- 122799
R 130642Z APR 75
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO DA WASHDC//DAMO-SSA/DALO-ILS//
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 2750

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

SECDEF WASHDC
USCINCEUR//ECJ4/7//
:CDR AMC ALEX VA//AMCIL-MS//
CDR TRADOC FT MONROE VA//ATTNG-PRP-FMT//

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2 KUWAIT 1606

9. DA EMPHASIZES REFTEL (A) KUWAITI OFFICIALS MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT OF KUWAITIS. KUWAIT AIR FORCE AUTHORITIES CONCUR. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER PAST HISTORY SUGGESTS KUWAITI ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TAKES FOUR MONTHS TO OBTAIN FORMAL CONCURRENCE MODIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL TRAINING PROGRAMS. WITH 600 OR SO PERSONNEL INVOLVED, EMBASSY PRESUMES SEVERAL KUWAITI OFFICERS WILL BE DESIRED IN CONUS. ALSO, ACCORDING TO USN SCREENING TEAM, SUITABLE APTITUDE OR GENERAL CLASSIFICATION TESTS WHICH US MILITARY USES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR GULF ARABS. THIS WILL REQUIRE RELAINCE ON PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE/INTERVIEWS FOR ASSIGNMENT. EMBASSY INFERS DA DOES NOT INTEND PROVIDE THIS SERVICE. KUWAIT ARMED FORCES DO NOT HAVE A PERSONNEL SYSTEM. IF KEY PERSONNEL REASONABLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON IHAWK ARE APPROPRIATELY LOCATED, SUCH MATTERS COULD BE HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY AND KNOWLEDGEABLY.

10. REQUEST FOR TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMISSION OF CASE WAS BASED ON EMBASSY'S OVERALL EXPERIENCE ON RECEIVING LETTERS OF OFFER-ONE-HALF APPROXIMATELY 90 DAYS ENROUTE. UNTIL THERE IS MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN MAIL SERVICE/HANDLING. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE REUQEST TELE-GRAPHIC TRANSMISSION ON TIME CRITICAL CASES. WE CONFIDENT DA STAFF CAN FONFIRM DIFFICULTIES IN THIS AREA EXIST.

11. EMBASSY NOTES OTHER MAJOR PROGRAM (USN A4) SIGNED BY GOK
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KUWAIT 01606 02 OF 02 130809Z

AT SAME TIME AS IHAWK HAS EVEOLVED SATISFACTORILY. EXCELLENT RAPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING ESTABLISHED WITH GOK, EVEN THROUGH A MAJOR PROBALEM (TO KUWAITIS) EXISTS. USN/KAF JOINTLY DEVELOPED A PROGRAM MASTER PLAN, WHICH EXPLAINS ACTIONS WHICH MUST BE TAKEN, INCLUDING TRAINING, AND PROVIDES A MASTER MILESTONE LIST OF OVER 150 ACTIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED, INCLUDING TIMING AND AGENCY (IES) RESPONSBILE. ALSO, UNDER CASE A WEAPONS SYSTEM LIAISON OFFICE WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN KUWAIT AS PART OF THE PGROGRAM MANAGEMENT TEAM. FOR IHAWK CASE, DIRECT COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN LIMITED TO PRELIMINARY CIVIL ENGINEERING DISCUSSIONS. REF (G) INDICATES A CASE WILL BE FORWARDED FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT. IT IS EMBASSY'S VIEW IT IS LONG OVERDUE.

12. PART OF A4 PROGRAM PLANNING EFFORT WAS TO ENSURE GOK KNEW EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS GETTING. DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS FOR AIRCRAFT WERE PROVIDED. CONSIDERING RAMPANT POSSIBILITIES FOR MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN IHAWK AND WHAT ALREADY HAS HAPPENED WITH MUCH SIMPLER EQUIPMENT (SEE REF (J), (K), (B), AND (M)), EMBASSY STRONGLY ENDORSES

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

THIS MANAGMENT ACTION.

13. TASK BEFORE US IS NOT ONE OF SIMPLY BUILDING HARDWARE AND TRAINING

INDIVIDUALS. IT IS THE FORMATION OF AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM STARTING WITH: NO ORGANIZATION (NOT EVEN A HQ CO), NO FACILITIES, SIX AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE OFFICERS, AND ONE GROUNDED PILOT. ALL OTHER PERSONNEL WILL BE FRESHLY RECURITED EXCEPT CADETS WHO HAVE 6 MOS OF GENERAL MILITARY TRAINING. SELF-SUFFICIENCY AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME IS USG POLICY. NO TASK SHOULD BE PERFORMED BY AN AMERICAN THAT CAN BE PERFORMED BY A KUWAITI--EITHER IN CONUS OR KUWAIT.

ACTION REQUESTED:

14. DA REQUESTED PREPARE FMS CASE FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT IN COORDINATION WITH GOK. (VISIT OF DA TRAINING TEAM TO KUWAIT APPEARS MANDATORY). PRIORITY CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO TRAINING AND PHASING KUWAITIS INTO PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND EXECTUION OF THE KUWAIT IHAWK PROGRAM.

15. DA PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION TO SEND REMAINING NINE KUWAITI CADETS TO DLIEL DESPITE PROBLEMS OUTLINED REFTEL (A).
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 KUWAIT 01606 02 OF 02 130809Z

STOLTZFUS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PERSONNEL TRAINING, MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, MISSILES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: woolflhd
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975KUWAIT01606
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750129-0146
From: KUWAIT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750455/aaaabyuo.tel
Line Count: 253
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 DA 142009Z, 75 MAR 75
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: woolflhd
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 AUG 2003 by MartinML>; APPROVED <01 DEC 2003 by woolflhd>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IHAWK TRAINING FOR KUWAIT
TAGS: MASS, KU, US
To: DA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006